

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tim Tohill on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tohill is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-four years as president of the Sexual Assault Center of Middle Tennessee (S.A.C.) and will be taking a much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the oldest son in a family of nine children, Tim Tohill graduated from the University of Memphis with a bachelor's degree in business administration; he has over forty years' experience working in a variety of nonprofit organizations, including three years with the Boys Club of Memphis and seventeen years with the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tohill is described as a steady, transparent, and inclusive leader; during his tenure as president of S.A.C., he built its reputation, grew the budget, increased professionalism, developed prevention education, and, most importantly, provided unparalleled care for over 21,000 survivors of abuse; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of his presidency, S.A.C. was on the verge of bankruptcy; in order to expand the services S.A.C. is able to provide, Tim Tohill diversified funding sources by launching a development department, establishing a fee-for-service model that includes a sliding scale and insurance reimbursement, and securing state grant funding; additionally, S.A.C. has conducted two capital campaigns to build an endowment for continued sustainability and purchase its current building with no debt; and

WHEREAS, serving an average of 600 clients annually, S.A.C. has hired education staff to develop a continuum of age-specific curriculum reaching 200,000 children and adults, created

multiple community partnerships to reach underserved populations, and developed the Nashville Child Protection Coalition, which equips adults to prevent childhood sexual abuse through its Stewards of Children two-hour training; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, S.A.C. has implemented evidence-based and informed practices to better measure clinical impact and developed the Davidson County Sexual Assault Response Team in conjunction with Metro General Hospital, the Victim Intervention Program, the Sex Crimes Unit of the Metro Nashville Police Department, and the District Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tohill is an active and important part of his community and his profession, serving on the boards of several organizations, including the Association of Nonprofit Executives, the Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, and the Center for Nonprofit Management; he served as chair of the Catholic Diocese of Nashville's Review Board with a focus on protecting children from abuse; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Tohill was honored in 2009 by the Nashville Women's Political Caucus as a recipient of the Good Guy Award; in 2016, he was a finalist in the Center for Nonprofit Management's Awards of Achievement in the category of CEO of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tohill is perhaps most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Mary Jane, their three children, and a son-in-law and daughter-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tohill exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Tohill has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Tim Tohill our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.